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SUBJECT: UNFICYP

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1. SUMMARY: EXTAFF OFFICIALS BELIEVE GOC WILL HAVE NO RPT NO
PROBLEM WITH AMENDED SC RESOLUTION (PARA 3 REF A). HOWEVER,
GOC WILL NOT RPT NOT BE IN POSITION PRIOR DEC 14 TO APPROACH SYG
CONCERNING UNFICYP REDUCTIONS AS SUGGESTED PARA 5 REF B.
OFFICIALS ARE HOPEFUL AND CONFIDENT THAT GOC
WILL ADOPT POSITION THAT UNFICYP REDUCTIONS SHOULD TAKE
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PLACE PRIOR JUNE 1974, AND WITHOUT PREREQUISITES SOUGHT BY

SWEDES AND OTHERS. HOWEVER, GOC DECISION MUST ATTEND COMPLETION OF OPERATIONAL STUDY NOW BEING MADE BY CANADIAN UNFICYP CONTINGENT AND DND, AND CABINET CONSIDERATION OF SC RESOLUTION. OFFICIALS THOUGHT GOC DECISION WOULD BE REACHED BY MID-JANUARY, END SUMMARY.

2. IN ABSENCE OF KEY SENIOR EXTAFF OFFICIALS EMBOFF CALLED ON PEACEKEEPING OFFICERS BELL AND RANGER IN EXTAFF DEFENCE RELATIONS DIVISION, AND LEFT COPY OF PROPOSED SC RESOLUTION. APPROACH WAS COORDINATED WITH BRITISH HICOM OFFICERS WHO SAW BELL AND RANGER IMMEDIATELY BEFORE OUR DEMARCHE. BELL THOUGHT THAT GOC COULD READILY AGREE TO PROPOSED RESOLUTION, BUT IN ABSENCE OF MINISTER SHARP AND SENIOR DEFENCE RELATIONS OFFICIALS AT NATO, HE UNABLE MAKE FIRM COMMITMENT. EXTAFF DEFENCE RELATIONS DIRECTOR CAMERON RETURNS TONIGHT, DEC 12, AND BELL WILL TAKE MATTER UP WITH HIM TOMORROW. BELL HOPEFULL CANDELUN WILL HAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO SUPPORT PROPOSED RESOLUTION BY COB DEC 13. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP.

3. BELL SAID THAT DND AND CANADIAN CONTINGENT WERE PRESENTLY CONDUCTING "OPERATIONAL STUDY" TO SEE WHETHER CANADIAN CONTINGENT COULD CARRY OUT ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITIES WITH REDUCED FORCE, AND WITHOUT POSING "UNACCEPTABLE SECURITY RISKS." BELL EMPHASIZED THIS STUDY WAS OPERATIONAL RATHER THAN POLITICAL IN NATURE AND SAID EXTAFF ASSUMED THAT RESULTS OF STUDY WOULD BE AFFIRMATIVE. WHEN STUDY COMPLETE, EXTAFF WOULD APPROACH CABINET SEEKING APPROVAL FOR CONTINUED CANADIAN COMMITMENT TO UNFICYP. EXTAFF AND CABINET WOULD ADDRESS ISSUE OF REDUCTIONS AND PREREQUISITES FOR REDUCTIONS AT THAT TIME. BELL SAID THAT ADDITIONAL 14 PERCENT REDUCTION DURING FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1974 WOULD GO FAR TO ANSWER CANADIAN CONCERNS ABOUT FUTURE OF UNFICYP AND THOUGHT CABINET WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN AGREEING TO REDUCTIONS. HE NOTED THAT REDUCTIONS NEED NOT START IMMEDIATELY AFTER SC SESSION AND COULD BE STAGED SO THAT 14 PERCENT TARGET COULD BE REACHED BEFORE JUNE 1974 RECONSIDERATION BY SECURITY COUNCIL. NECESSITY FOR CABINET CONSIDERATION EXPLAINED CANDELUN'S ACTION IN RESERVING POSITION AT TROOP CONTRIBUTORS MEETING. BELL REITERATED HIS BELIEF THAT GOC POSITION WOULD EVENTUALLY BE IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH US AND UK, BUT THAT FINAL DECISION COULD NOT BE MADE BEFORE MID-JANUARY.

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